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* - 24 Oct 59 Routing & Record Sheet to Hunt recd 30/10 forwarded 2 Nov. of Diaz Lanz file.

- CIA watch office 24 Oct 59.
into that plane ^{involving} ~~plane~~ by Pedro Diaz Lanz to drop leaflets and mob bombs over Havana 24 Oct 59.

May fly 26 Oct 59 piloted by Lanz to disrupt Castro rally.

- Dispatch 23 Oct 59.

re leaflet.

attached sample of leaflets dropped from Diaz Lanz's plane 21 Oct 59

- Dispatch 18 Sept 59. to Chief WHD from Havana COS
re: operational ~~group~~ PDL group

Crypts: ~~group~~ PDL

Subj. said he had gone to Miami and talked w/ ~~group~~ PDL; who told him that he needed a man for his Miami organization, the person he had in mind was a Captain in the Cuban Air Force who was willing to join him. He instructed the subject to see his Habana contact and arrange for officer's exfiltration. Subj. asked ~~group~~ PDL whether his Habana contact (Gebaide or Rayrock) had this capability, and QDBIAS answered that they did. Station assumes that QDBIAS obtained his

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- exfiltration info from QDCHAR. Subj. also said that QDBIAS has ODXOKE contacts in Miami.

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- DOC. cross ref for 201-259120 (Lanz 201 file)
re: Ricardo Luis LORIA y Valle - ca. 1928, a 31, passport 09552 & Diaz Lanz age 32, passport 10693 left Costa Rica for Miami Fla. 24 Dec 58 and reentered Costa Rica from Mexico on 31 Dec 58

- Memo for record 7 Aug 59.

Re: Conversation approx. one-wk prior, betw. Eugene R. Gonzalez and Mr. Alfonso Moscoso, former amb. from Ecuador to US & ex brother-in-law of former President Galo Plaza of Ecuador.

Moscoso told me in strict confidence that his good friend Ecuador. Amb to OAS (Escudero) claimed to have info and docum. proving Diaz Lanz rec'd approx \$100,000 from pro-Batista groups to def. & testify before U.S. cong.

- Dispatch 7 Aug 59. To Chief WH DIV from Miami (Karnley) Re: Meeting w/ QDBIAS, QDCHAR, QDCOVE

Outlined plans in meeting. Subjs. will recruit groups which bear Batista faith. Suggest propaganda program. Discussion of pass. act; possible procedures - i.e. transmitter on boat broadcasting from various positions in the Caribbean Sea.

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QDCOVE - described as leader of group, most intell.
Group was cautioned about need for security.

"However, there is a close and apparently unshakeable relationship with people like Frank Fiorini & other people w/ whom they were close during the revolution. I have repeatedly cautioned them about Fiorini specifically & they have always responded by recognizing that Fiorini is a threat in that he talks too much. But as and if (sic) we proceed with this group, it has to be done with the expectation that Fiorini and others are going to be frequently around this group and we will have only the word of these people that he and others are not being informed of their activities."

- In March QDCOVE went to Belg. w/ rank of Amb. to negotiate deal re: arms. Deal cost \$8 mil which QDCOVE personally paid thru letters of credit.

- Dispatch 4 Aug 59. To Chief WH Div from Miami (Karnley). Report on Miami base involvement in arrival of Pedro Diaz Lanz in U.S.

Lanz party - Diaz Lanz, his wife Tania, Sergio Diaz Brnell; Carlos Echegoyen. Echegoyen & Brnell had chartered boat to pick up Diaz Lanz. Wanted to hold party several days - Diaz concerned about his brother Marcos.

QDAHUM, QDARBOR assisted hiding Diaz. Major Otto of Army visited, wanted to talk to Diaz despite CIA's attempts to let him rest.

Tentative plan was Diaz would be taken from INS, put in a secure place, moved to another area in country, put thru intensive interrogations then removed to foreign area where he would be surfaced. Gen. Cabell expected to discuss matter w/ ^{Gen} Smith.

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re. turn over of Diaz to Karnly. Complications then set in - different versions of what passed betw. Gen Cabell and Gen. Swing; appearance of Eastland Committee rep.

- Article - Drew Pearson - Wash Post - 7-24-59 - "Defecting Cuban Chief Exploited."

- Memo for Record 15 July 1959

Re: Testimony of Diaz Lanz. (testified 14 July)

Prominent communists -

Fidel, Raul, Vilma Castro, Ernesto Guevara, Anton Nunez, Armando Hart, Manuel Pineiro, Arnaldo Ramiro Valdez, Juan Pina, Juan Escalona, Juan Llanusa, Eusebio Gomez Ochoa, David Salvador, Carlos Franqui, Gen. Alberto Bayo, Frank Torre.

- Sp. lang. article 17 Jul 59. "verdadera Estatura critica Pedro ~~Diaz~~ Diaz Lanz

- CIA Memo of conversation 10 July 59.

Re: Tel. conversation w/ Herbert Mee, Dir of Intelligence Bureau of Immigration. w/ T.J. Flores.

- Draft Memo for Record FLK (initialed)

8 July 59 Re: Diaz Lanz case.

Info recd from friend of Diaz in Miami - name Byers & w/it: Sergio Diaz & Carlos Echigoian (former civilian in Cuban AFIntell.) who had obtained boat in Miami which was used to bring Diaz from Cuba, had gone to see Byers immed. after their release by IAS. They were accompanied by Frank Fiorini, an

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citizen w/ reputation as shady businessman who lives in Miami.

They said Schroeder (INS) told Diaz he is to appear before Senate Sub Committee; would receive 100% US govt support in overthrowing Castro.

- Prior to Diaz' departure the Cuban Air Force purchased one C-46 and one B-25 aircraft in Miami area. Aircraft in Byers' custody & in Fiorini's name. Fiorini (until 7 July) trying to get Byers to sell aircraft & turn \$ over to him (Fiorini). On 8 July Fiorini asked Byers to hold C-46 for revolutionary plans & sell B-25. (Fiorini accompanied by Sergio Diaz on 8 July)

- Discussion Paper - 7 July 59 Re Diaz - publicity of Diaz Lanz' arrival.

- Cable from Dir to ^{certain} Foreign L.A. Stations 2 July 59 - Requests max. press and radio exploitation of defection 20 June of Diaz Lanz, w/ recommendations on particulars of story.

- Dispatch 2 July 1959 to Chief WHD from COS Havana re Diaz Lanz - Misc - Enclosures - 2 copies of letter from Diaz Lanz to Cuban president.

- Cable 22 June 59. TO Dir from Havana re: departure of Diaz Lanz for U.S. Requesting ODURGE not divulge entry PBPRIME of Pedro Diaz Lanz

- Cable 21 June 59 to Dir from Havana. Re: Diaz Lanz departure - w/ help of Jim Byers, American, Pres. Aerodex Corp using Byers yacht. Requests no publicity.

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- Information Report 15 Jun 59

Re: Chief of Air Forces Confidential statements about need for counterrevolution against Castro.

Source: US businessman, operator of private consulting company. Also rep. for major US aircraft manufacturer. Spoke at length w/ source regarding symptoms of Castro's communist tendencies.

- Cable 7 Jan 59 to Dir from Santiago de Cuba.

Re: 1. Fall Batista stunned Bayamo rebels.

2. Cuban Air force demobilized. Will be built up from scratch. Former officers to be investigated for atrocities. Many ^{to be} responsible to be court-martialed. Source Fiorini (F) from Diaz Lanz Chief Rebel Air Fr

- Cable 25 Nov. 58. to Dir from Mex. City. Unpa Michoacan, Rept 3 tons Cuban rebel arms confiscated. 11 Cubans, 1 American captured - of Cubans - Pedro Ruiz Lanz - (probably Diaz Lanz) and Amer = Frank Fiorini. Fiorini named co-pilot and owner plane C-46. Fiorini known as "Francisco" among Cubans. Of interest absence name Ricardo de la Lorie

- Cable 22 Nov. 58

Rept Cuban rebels and Amer. w/ C-46 captured at Apatzingan Airport Michoacan. Captured (partial list) Diaz Lanz, Frank Fiorini.

- Cable 14 Nov 58

Rept Richarda de la Lorie - brought air plane Phoenix Ariz., scheduled for departure 12 or 13 Nov for Veracruz Mex. enroute Venezuela. Diaz Lanz will prob. accompany de la Lorie.

- Cable 11 Nov 58 $\frac{1}{2}$ Diaz Lanz

Ricardo de la Lorie in San Francisco. Fiorini left Mex

for PRISCO by car. car night 4 Nov. meet pilots.
De la Lorie and Diaz going Ariz. but expect return
Governor Hotel - Poss. Kingman, Ariz re: planes

- Cable 2 Nov 58 to Dir from Mex City.

Man trav. w/ subjs identified as Frank Porini
Men prob. Pedro Luiz Diaz Lanz and Ricardo de
la Lorie, poss. going Venezuela.

- Cable 30 Oct 58 to Dir from Mex City.

Ric. de la Lorie and Diaz Lanz arr. Mex Cit by car
27 Oct 58. Believed had visa trouble at border.
Unidentified man accompanied them.

- Cable 19 Aug 58 to Dir from San Juan.

Jamaica police questioned Figuero 14 Aug seeking identifi
addresses. 8 Aug. Figuero contacted by Diaz Lanz,
pilot of Beechcraft plane N-48-Q, who visits Kingston
often and believed by Jamaica police to be Fidel
Castro courier or pilot. Figuero said Diaz only brought
personal greetings -

- 201 file request

To RI/Analysis section 15 Jul 1959.
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- News articles -

Argosty April 1976

NY Daily News - 21 April 1975 by Paul Meskil

- Dispatch to Chief from Chief

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Progress Rept 1-31 Aug 63.

W/ help of Fiorini - able to keep informed of activities of Diaz Lanz bros. in attempts to mount air raid over Cuba. Information

then passed to local security agencies in time for them to thwart plans.

- Daily Summary - 1 Aug 63

Flight of 28 July over Havana aborted - bombs left raid planned.

Plans:

Postponed to 31 July or 1 Aug. Fiorini to head for Marathon Keys - as decoy for FBI surveillance

Lanz bros to leave cars at home to appear as though they are home, but will attempt to reach their Williams Ranch where plane to be used for raid is located. Fiorini said plane will carry several bombs made from 100 lb practice bombs cut down to smaller size and filled w/ nuts and bolts for shrapnel

Ramon Garcia - former Cuban airlines pilot to have participated in raid.

- 8 May 63 - Fiorini told source he had been approached by rascos to patch up differences and cooperate in "anti-Castro activity". Said

money from Cuban in Wash who had helped before. Only told that ~~into~~ operator would be air strike. - Pedro would be pilot. Kent plane thru indirect channels. Lanz bros. assisting in sale of yacht.

"Fiorini had been working w/ The bros. until a falling out. Union is now evidently being repaired."

- Memo - re: Robt Swanner, Robt Thompson - Plane allegedly shot down over Cuba in Dec. 1961.
20 Mar 63 - Memo to S.J. Grogan, asst to Director.
- investigation by U.S. Auth. hampered by stories - but - appears. Wm Johnson, Swanner, Fiorini made 21 Oct 61 overflight - Campaign for leaflet drop. Rorke claims he went as observer.

8 Dec. Swanner intercepted in Nassau. Met in Nassau by Johnson, Rorke, Fiorini. Tried to get permit to fly to Great Exuma Island, but permit denied, plane impounded.

10 Dec. leaflets found on Norman Cay.

14 Dec. Thompson flew to Ft Lauderdale to pick up Johnson. At some point Johnson left group, and Fiorini, Swanner & Thompson flew to Andros Island.

17 Dec. Thompson and plane Corred by J. Dan Finger) ~~reported~~ missing.

18 Dec. Rorke, Fiorini, Johnson charter plane in Miami for trip to Bimini and Cay Sal.

Rorke id'd self as CBS photographer looking for photos of pink flamingos. Plane flew criss-cross pattern over Cay Sal and returned to Miami. No info re whereabouts of Thompson, Swanner and plane until Mar 63 - story plane shot down over Cuba.

Johnson, Fiorini, Rorke claim CIA Sponsorship
In fact have had none. Sponsor appears to
be Sergio Rojas Santamaria - possibly over-
zealous - some of his activities had been CIA sponsor

March 62 Raymond J. Dwyer rep.ing Finger
poss. litigation of insurer of aircraft. Approach
CIA re: poss. govt involvement - which was
denied. No indication from Castro's speeches
to what happened.

No agency info on other "elements of incident as
reptd in references, including:

- Mrs. Swanner's story of having driven Swanner,
Founser, Fiorini to Ft Lauderdale to load
boat w/ leaflets.
- \$500.00 check reptdly given to Mrs. Swanner &
Mrs. Thompson by Fiorini.
- Mrs. Swanner's reptd trip to Andros Island
w/ her son and friend of her husband.
- Mysterious phone calls to Mrs. Swanner,
Mrs. Thompson & others.
- Role of Gene Asbury and Norman Gratsky
(Gradsky?)

Ref. to Martino - prob. John Vincent Martino.
Sentenced to 13 yrs prison in 59; released
Oct. 62 - not Dec as reptd. Was not, is
not emp'd by CIA.

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- 12/9/60 Cable to Director fr. WAVE

Hamilton impressed w/ man's sincerity & potential (QD BIAS') QD BIAS enthusiastic over ref.

trip but wanted very careful preparation in order to avoid any poss. fail. Suggested ample advance publicity order condition host governments to granting necessary visas and landing permits.

QD Bias speeding up work on A/C which can be ready O/A 15 Dec. Plane can accommodate number named WAVE 2051

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C/S comment: HQS approved planning Diaz Lanz propaganda "Flight of Truth" as proposed HQS by TWICKER.

- 12/8/60 Cable to Dir fr WAVE

Carlos Oscar Echevarria Leon plans expose ^{State} in leading magazine re: KUBARK ^(Ray) will say - KUBARK backing AMIRON (Ray or MRR) w/ funds & equipment. AMIRON leftist & Communist dominated group and "Fidelistas sin Fidel". KUBARK gives AMIRON half million per month cover operating costs. Reveal number plane

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furnished AMIRON by KUBARK and location. ~~Rever~~

Various-
AMDIP I

- will reveal training sites Guat, PBPRHE personnel working w/ AMDIP I and AMIRON plans for invasion Cuba.

- Expose AMDIP I for buying off KUBARK personnel Wash.

- Claims discussed above & 5 NOV 62 invasion plans AMIRON from Guat. w/ Jounine, late OCT 62.

Two men from KUBARK assured Echegoyen funds would be w/held from support AMIRON. Capable carrying out threat

~~once~~ close Diaz Lanz, but now distrusts him.

could attempt discredit Echegoyen

- 6 Dec 60 cable To Dir from GOLD recommend candidates for certain field-liaisons.
- Enrique Uaca
 - Student - Jose Ignacio Risco
 - Soldier - Manuel Artime
 - Professor - Oscar de la Liza
 - Cathol. actr: Enrique Ros.

GOLD-sounding out opinion/desirability of including Diaz Lanz specifically

- 6 DEC 60 Cable to JMGOLD Havana to Dir.

Rodriguez Tamayo "El Mexicano" offering G-2 info re Diaz Lanz group. Report would put subjects ↑ in prison, claims Tamayo claims female friend Diaz Lanz working Miami airport also G-2 agent

- Suggest Diaz Lanz be cautioned re our doubts loyalty his immed. friends.

- ~~Dispatch~~ 29 NOV 60 to Chief WH div fr. Chief OS, Havana.

- excerpts
Conversation betw. Varona & State 29 Nov 60
Varona says of Lanz - "a young man, somewhat impetuous, who is now working with us."

- 28 NOV 60 Cable to JMASH From DIR.

"1. Disapprove para 3 & 7 ref. HQS does not desire additional Cuban pilots & does not wish give Diaz Lanz and Company false impression by instituting even limited training program."

2. AMVANG-2 advised HQS he passed

US \$5000 obtained from private sources to ^{Lanz} repair B-25. Further states aircraft repd & Lanz intends make leaflet drop on or about 30 Nov. Possible KW 3 ARK funds passed AMV ANG-2 for prop use now being diverted repair aircraft.

3. HQS policy re no ODYOKS sponsored overflight from BP PRIME SHU stands. MASH requested take immed. steps to stop flight. If cannot accomplish this by persuasion notify local auth. poss. such a flt to enable them impound aircraft. Essential avoid poss. such indep. air ops jeopardize own air ops including use Ope Locha.

4. Realize Lanz may be polit. asset. If so can best be used that purpose w/in AMRASP.

WH comment: Twicker states Lanz requests funds to repair personally owned B-25 at cost of US \$5,000. Also wants US \$2,240 to give Link training to 9 pilots for 3 mos.

- Cable 24 NOV 60 to Dir fr J MASH.

1- Diaz Lanza joined AMRASP bringing pilots: Abel Hera Corton, Frank Fiorini, Francisco Llano, Evangelista Mursuli, Ramon P. Fuentes, Nestor Alvarez, Fernando Garcia. Marcos Diaz Lanza also joined.

2 Shortly after joining AMRASP, Diaz suggested to AMHAWK est. of spec. mission group comprising above personnel, all of whom, according to Diaz are qualified as A/C mechanics. The group would drop AMRASP leaflets on cities, small towns & cooperatives & could fly cargo missions when required.

3 To prepare themselves for standby readiness Diaz has requested AMHAWK (= AMHAWK has queried TWICKER) for funds to: (A) rehab. the personally-owned B-25 A/C of Diaz at cost of approx. DLS\$5000. (B) Provide pilots w/ Link trainer time (8 pilots at 10hrs. monthly, at cost of Dls 8 per hour) and (C) consider purchase

of Hoar equipped Cessna 180 &/or 210
for infil/exfil ops.

4. Diaz is proceeding w/ B-25 rehab.
via loan \$2,500 from Miguel Angel
Quevedo, for which, according
AMCHIRP-1, he will air drop
Bohemia over Cuba.

5. While realize present policy
precludes US.-based flights, desire at
minimum maintain flight
proficiency this integrated group whose
current & future activities could be
monitored & directed by the newly-
established joint Cuban/Amer. ops
section of the mil. commission.
Beyond being a pilot, Diaz Lanz exudes
a certain mystique which the press has
been quick to recog. Thus he is
a current propaganda & polit. asset
as well as a potential milit. asset.

6. AMHAWK commented somewhat
equivocally that Diaz Lanz joined
AMRASP primarily to solve his
econ. probs. However TWICKER believes
Diaz highly motivated & recognizes

AMRASP as mainstream anti-Castro org.

Temp. solution has been to assign Diaz group to transport commission, which now functions under MIL Commission, but funds are not currently budgeted for link trainer time.

7. Request HQs approve initial link trainer refresher of DLS 960; 15 hrs. each pilot, then monthly cost of DLS 640. Not likely training to extend beyond 3 mos.

8. Feel political advantages keeping Diaz satisfied and cooperative well worth above relatively minor expenditure.

- Document transfer & cross-ref. 27 Sep-60
Diaz Lanz made offer of artist by Subj. of 201-829376

- 12 Oct 60 cable to Dir fr. London
Re: developments in ~~FRD~~

- Dr. Sanchez Arango has left FRD following a disagreement w/ other leaders. He is now joining forces w/ groups led by Diaz Lanz, Conte Aguero & others.

- Varona appt'd coord. of FRD - in spite opp. Fuato Carrillo.

- ^{Rept} Developments re: fighting in Cuba - :

- Memo for record re: Rept meeting w/ Sergio

Rojas. ~~Re: 27 Sept 60~~
By: Bernhard E. Reichhardt

in Wash. 27 Sept.

Spoke to Rojas before planned to departure to Madrid to see Ricardo Lorie, in an effort to give other side than Anti-FRD. Rojas relatively objective but on balance favored views of young revolutionaries of Alianza de liberacion. Analyzed situation of MRR accurately. AMBIDDY-1 became rep. in FRD for MRR, then represented only own views to exclusion of MRR interests. Lamented that number of young men i.e. Chilea, Diaz Lanz, Rino Diaz (Presum., Rojas unaware of Rino Diaz's mission) wasted by not being put to use. ~~by~~ as result of differences betw. young revol. & FRD. "Los Viejos" Politicos in FRD too far to right. Asked if US might lend support to more than one group. Was told U.S. not supporting any group. Asked if military types & perhaps Alianza could be given support. Rojas ^{strong feeling} ~~said~~ unity w/ FRD and young revol. not poss. This time - Too ^{much} anti-FRD sentiment. Feel politicians of FRD self-seeking. Young revol. suffering bitterness,

disillusionment.

R. suggested ~~meeting~~ meeting with FRD - Members but not 5 principals. Counter-suggestion made Rojas suggest friends, eg. Conte Agüero, Lorie to approach FRD again.

- Memo 19 Sept 60 for: C/WH /4 /CI from Gerard Drotter.
Re: Request for FBI check.

(NOTE: Ans. to check on Moya in Panegue's file)

Alianza people rept'd in town - ^{Wadh.} Diaz Lanz, Conte Agüero, Panegue ("Drejo"), Higinio "Nino" Diaz. - could be reached at address of Mrs. Anna Moya. Indicates. Rcvd info that Panegue may be Castro plant. Suggest Buero check on horse and Mrs. Moya, as well as furnish info on Panegue and/or ^{his} activities in U.S.

Panegue's NY address: San Rafael Hotel, 65 W. 45th St, Rm 1E Tel. JA2-4800

- Memo for: C/WH /4 /PA 12 SEPT 60
fr: WH/4 /EO - John F. Mallard.

Re: Cubans desiring of meeting w/ State Dept Reps.

Senor Chinea, Panegue, Diaz Lanz, Conte Agüero desire meeting. Indicates St. Dept. personnel have no desire to see Cubans. Author indicates desire since Cubans could shoulder

no encouragement - cannot operate independently
w/ any type of US support or assistance.

- cable 6 SEP 60 to Dir from MASH. ... Mexi Cit
Indicates "CRISIS" in military staff -
relations AMEER & Balance AMCIGAR.
Lines of auth. & resp. MASH committees
badly snarled view recent insistence
AMEER has prerogative as AMCIGAR
member

General ill feeling & distrust senior AMTRASERS
toward AMEER also applies "his boys".
In military field these include Oscar Diaz
(ground), Orlando Garcia (recruiting),
and Felipe Vidal Santiago (naval).

Most immed. issue - Pedro Diaz Lanz who
walked in recruiting etc. last wk August &
volunteered to join AMTRASER pilot group as an
individual. Milit. agreed Diaz Lanz fine
pilot, joining AMTRASER "political plum".
Since he founding member competing "Ariaza".
Nobregas and Villafana only lukewarm.
At juncture AMEER stepped in, ordered MILCOM
accept Diaz Lanz, succeeded putting all
senior mil. staff members in oppos.
Issue still unresolved. Sr ^{military} ~~personnel~~

AMRASPERS agree meeting absolute necessity to
revalidate their positions vis à vis AMCIGAR ~~as~~
body & particularly their positions in respect
individual AMCIGAR members (AMER &
AMHAWK.

- Cable Aug 26, 60 to Dir from Havana.

Partially Re: Armando Lora Hernandez - Tirol man.

He was close to Raul Chibas; maintains contact
with Diaz Lanz. org. resistance in Cuba. Reges
assistance.

- Cable Aug 17 60 to Dir from Havana.

Dissension in AMYUM-1 group more
extensive than financial troubles. Lorie / ~~AMPIDIT~~
split caused serious internal repercussions
in terms AMYUM-1 group receiving via
their channels from MASH that ODVOK
now supporting Lorie, Nino Diaz, Diaz Lanz.

- FRD Form - Control de Personal - Pedro Luis
Diaz Lanz

- Memo for Chief WHD Re Mex. Roarke (Bie), Jr.
6 Jul 60. Fr. J.D. Esterline

In interview of Roarke w/ rep. of OO/C in NYC,
Roarke said Diaz Lanz most deserving of U.S.
support. Knows Diaz Lanz; planning to

appear on T.V. program NYC 5 July.

Said Somera have agreed to give Diaz Lanz mil. base in Nicaragua. Will call it Committee to Rescue L. Amer. from Communism or similar. Rolfe Claims Spruille

Braden tentatively agreed to support committee.

- Cable 28 June 1960 to LASH fr: Dir.

Pedro Diaz Lanz not connected FRD in any way. Kaskley will brief. WH Comment: concerned surfacing in Costa Rica of org. headed by PDL

- Office Memo - 24 Feb 60 to Chief WH/FI Division
APTN. Bob Reynolds; From: Chief Contact -
Division, OO (L/A Branch)

Re: Pedro Diaz Lanz

From E.M. Ashcraft - signed by Harry &
A. ~~McCraw~~ McCraw.

In interview, requested by Lanz to ask "what people think I should do"; expressed desire to work to overthrow Castro. Not very enthusiastic about anti-Castro Frente org. in Mexico City. Reservations about trustworthiness of Artime

- Message to the People of Cuba & Brothers of America of the Cuban Constitutional Crusade. Signed 6/16/60 by PDL,

Cmdr Abel Hera Corton; Capt Nabel J.M. Gonzalez.

- Cable 18 June 60 to Div fr: MASH
18 June Diario Las Americas carries
ad surfacing group called Cruzada
Cubana Constitucional signed by PDL,
Corton, Gonzalez.

Cable indicates concern for need of controlled
& coordinated propaganda effort.
Avoid premature releases

- Dispatch 12-Jan 60

Chief WH Div, from Miami WHD Rep.

Re: Contact w/ QDBIAS 10 JAN 60

by Patrick I. Kanaley

Indicates bitter feud betw. QDBIAS & QDCOVE

Also QDCOVE assaulted QDCHAR.

Discussed QDCHAR's recent trip to Guat. QDBIAS
aware but personally opposed ~~to~~ since
QDCHAR took along Sergio Brunell and
Florini. INS took Florini's passport when
he re-entered the US. Apparently
they are "prepared to throw the book at
Florini." Florini in real danger of losing

his citizenship
(notes INS also taking action ag. haskewers)

Indicates PDCHAR has ideas of his own,
and QDBIAS does not try to stand in
his way.

- 7 Jul 60 to Dir fr: MASH - Cable
PDL about to initiate fund-raising
campaign for group.

Suggests raise w/ XDIGORAS
obvious probs arising out of premature
support anti Castro movement generally,
PDL specifically

WH Comment. Ref indicates Diaz-Lora
preparing launch offensive against Castro
from Guatemala

- 13 May 60 Cable to Dir from: ~~MASH~~ Havana.
Repts - PDL plans to land well-prepared
force 70-100 Cubans. ASAP - poss. end of May

- 13 May 60 Cable to Dir: fr: Havana
Rept MRR broke contact w/ MAR
due discovery it heavily penetrated.
NOTE: ref: cable stated Sr. Santiago Rey:
Perna rephd 6 May group of Cubans

undergoing guerilla warfare training
Miami area under command Diaz Lanz

- Cable May 12 60 to Dir fr: Miami
Action: WHS (Mr. Phillips, WH Div.
notified 2035, 11 May 60)

Summary activities PDL indicating action
imminent.

Rept - meeting - discussion betw. Alliegro,
Piedro, Paget re: support for PDL -
US \$50,000 mentioned as goal. Not
known whether funds handed over to
PDL tho: Rept'd funds obtained.

Repts - force - perhaps 100 men, formed by
PDL, under supervision Fiorini - PDL in poss-
essing considerable funds -
some portion \$50 grand? since
much equipment issued to men being
given field training outskirts Miami by
Fiorini - men vaccinated. Have 2
boats, 2 aircraft at their disposal.
Believed DL contemplating move
directly from FLA to Cuba. Guat
mentioned - staging base for expedition.

contacted FBI Border Patrol re: developments
They will contact ~~Fiorini~~ PDL under

circumstances do not intend to contact PDL myself.

Suggests close attention both psychol. & polit. implications of such exped. moves by PDL. Question raised whether some action should be taken to "submarine"

D-L's plans. - on premise "well established" D-L thoroughly discredited both in Cuba & w/ more resp. exile elements & has consistently provided "effective peg from Castro for propaganda" & effect move by DL at this time might have on JMARC planning & timing. Also, implications of poss. accommodation w/ ouat. Govt an PDL need careful consideration.

"In light of poss. harmful results of PDL venture, may wish consider proposing coordinated action by U.S. Govt to frustrate this before it gets off the ground."

- News article Miami Herald 10 April 1960
"18 Castro's Time Run Out"

- Memo for DCI via DDP ^{from JC. King} 30 March 60
Re: CIA involvement in case of Lanza :
Diaz Lanza, former Deputy Director of

Cuban Revol. Air Force and Applicant for U.S.
Permanent Resident Visa.

June 59

PDL resigned - as Chief of Cub. Rev. AF, fled to
US. ~~Marx~~ went into hiding. ^{HAWAII} Asked for help
to U.S. Exfiltrated him via shipping line
. Arr. Tampa, Fla 27 July 59. Deported
in Tampa & Miami. Presented himself at
INS off., Miami, requesting asylum which
was granted.

Wife & Children left Cuba ^{w/CI Assist.} Aug 59 for
Mexico, then joined MDL on 24 Sept
59.

MDL left US via New Orleans for Mex City
to obtain US resident visa to
permit him to go into business in
order to earn living. INS wouldn't
allow him to return. ~~that~~

~~from~~ ^{for} Indicates rebuttal ~~that~~ comment
from Gen Smith that CIA said MDL intends to
continue warlike tactics & he is able to
return to the U.S."

- Cable 26 March 60 to: Dir from Miami-

Re: HAVA 3740

See PDL as forlorn, Bewildered, outcast,
Excommunicated by ODCOVE for involving
self w/ Batistianos. ~~would~~ ^{did} sign Cajigas/
Pedraza "unity" pledges but was clearly

in middle that circus, finally kissed off by Pedraza as little boy playing man's game. ODCOVE feeling sorry for old friend Has told PDL he could still be of use to them if willing take orders, avoid publicity. Believe PDL constitutionally incapable of latter. Believe inclusion of PDL, would be somewhat menace.

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- Memo for the record 21 Feb 60

Re: Telephone report from Miami on Activities of Francisco Cajigas

Indicates PDL conferring w/ Cajigas, who is planning meeting in ^{Managua} Nicaragua w/ ~~Francisco~~ Somoza

- Dispatch to CIEPWH Div fr: Miami WHD Rep 17 Feb 60. Re: Summary of current QDBIAS activities. Written by Patrick Karnley.

meeting 18 Jan 60 - QDBIAE visited Nicaraguan Emb w/ Larguez-Sterling in Wash re: assistance of Nicaragua for military expedition against Castro

Having difficulty w/ INS re passport Distressed by attitude of ODENVY who reminded him they could arrest him at any time

Author talked to ODENVY re: This matter

QDBIAS ~~and~~ rejecting scheme to meet Somoza as arranged by Luis Arenas.

Discussion w/ QDBIAS re: Cruzada Constitucional Cubana (CCC), QDBIAS' one-man crusade - not intended to be organization

[Karnley characterizing PDL as very naive, "a base in the woods" in these matters] ~~Publicly~~ hurting him; but "by no means a total loss".]

- Dispatch 2 Feb 60

TO WHD Rep Miami, Havana, Caracas
fr: Chief WHD signed - Oliver G. Galbraith
re: Meeting of F. Castro w/ Gustavo Machado
in Caracas as rptd by PDL.

Requests interview of PDL by Karnley
"in most minute detail" concerning
his knowledge of contacts ^{set up} by Machado
and Castro as rptd in Parade,
Nash Post 3 Jan 60.

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- Dispatch 18 Jan 60

TO: Chief WH Div

FROM: Miami WHD Rep.

Re: rept of contact w/ QDBIAS 18 Jan 60

Author - Patrick Karnley

Info re: meetings betw Nunez Portuondo and PDL re: whether or not Portuondo willing to lend support to military operation led by QDBIAS w/out political commitment to Nunez Portuondo for future.

PDL discussions re: est. non-profit org to raise funds for activities.

Note: Celorio, who who would be involved, told AtiBOAR about scheme, but used name Kleburg, suggesting combine of KLEBORG - LYKES - STANDARD OIL was somehow getting read into this group.

- Dispatch 12 Jan 60

To Chief WH Div

Fr Miami WH Rep - signed Karnley

Re: contact w/ QDBIAS 10 Jan 60.

Among items:

- PDL considering forming military unit to infiltrate Cuba for action ag. Govt.
- Dispute betw PDL, QDCOVE, QDCHAR grps

bad.

PDL had protested QD CHAB's recent trip to Guatemala w/ Sergio Brull and Fiorini. Fiorini - question whether he will be admitted back to U.S. ODENVY ready to "throw the book" at him.

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"Political Action File

(Jan 1961—)

- Memo for Ofc Legis. Counsel 11 NOV 77

Fr: Raymond A. Warren, Chief L.A. Div

Re: Allegation by Senior Cuban diplomat
concerning role of Cuban exiles in the
assass. of Pres. Kennedy.

- no further info to supplement this info.

May have been referring to either

Fedro or Marcos -

Notes assoc. w/ Sturgis; article of

20 Sept. 77 re: Lorenz allegations.

- Memo for Ofc LC 3 NOV 77

From Chief L.A. Div

Re: same as above.

Repts - fairly reliable source said senior

Cuban diplomat stationed abroad, made charges in late Sep 77 to his colleagues that Cuban exiles such as former Cu. Air Force officer Diaz Law (true) & others had been involved in assass.

Division believes basis for statement presumably article of 20 Sep 77 in NY. - Lorenz allegations

- DO Document extract - 63 8 Nov 77

June 63 Marcos DL invited Frank Porini to join raid against Cuba 15 Jun using moped owned by him & susj. Others on raid Carlos ~~of~~ Garcia, Salvador Garcia O/kr of UR.

- INS form Dept of Justice - 9/8/71

DOB 11/8/26 Alien Reg. # A 10 176 - 250

SS# 261-54-2581, Havana Cuba.

SPOUSE: Carmet Izaguirre, Tania. DOM 1-22 59.

- Doc. transfer - X ref - 17 JAN 69

Former head Cuban revol. AF interested making trip Cuba to sink Russian ship.

- Doc. Xfer - X ref 26 Jan 64

Reptly working w/ Felipe Vidal Santiago

on projected raid on Cuba which was to originate from Miami area.

- Memo to Dir. FBI ATTN S.J. Papich 17 JAN 64
FR: DD P.

Re: Accusations made by PDL.

- Rep from this agency rec'd info 11 NOV 63 from untested source concerning meeting of FORDC in NYC on 3 Nov. 63 during which PDL made following improper remarks:

- Claimed State Dept asked him to work w/them on condition he make no pub. statements accusing Castro of being communist.

Offered post of Chief of AF in Guat. by Frank Bender, but refused.

Bender then offered mayorship of Marianao

Reynolds

- Accused Kennedy of being Communist.
- Accused of being Communist.

- Said Cubans had fight alone - JFK admin would not help. Said if the US govt were to give one rifle to the exiles, the exiles would be wise to make sure it did not fire back thru the stock instead of thru the barrel.

- Original dispatch of above -
with crypts -
to Chief-Spec. Affairs Staff
fr: COJ JMWAVE

[has handwritten note - For the record
Blender never met Lanz, who was
handled by the PH. section of the
project at that time -

10/1/64

Signed ~~✗~~

(Droller? WHDV)
Same mark

- Doc X Per & X Ref - 31 Jul 63
PDL involved in abortive attempt in air
strike & ballet raid on Habana, Cuba
squelched by ODENVY.
- Doc X Per & X Ref 12 June 63
June 9, 63 Marcos DL. invited Borini to
join raid ag. Cuba to take place weekend 15
June, using kiddy owned by Pedro &
Marcos. Others join: Carlos Garcia &
Salvador Garcia Oler, a CR official.
- Trace Request 16 Apr. 63 fr PDL
A "Subject is dropped w/out prejudice."

- Doc X fer & X Ref 25 Mar 63

Diaz owns 2 P.T. boats in Miami area -

Re: rental by sub. of 35 ft speed boat to anti-Castro grp.

- Doc X fer & X Ref - 23 Feb 62

Subject: Movimiento Recuperacion Revolucionario de Cuba. MRRC.

Diaz Lanz Came to Miami office w/ 2 companions, Reinaldo Cruz y Blanco - "SIMON" - Mbr of MRRC

Recently acquired 4 boats from Hampton Roads Salvage Co. of Tallahassee.

[Other companion not id'd.]

- Cable 11 Feb 61

to: BEN

From: WAVE

note:
not Oscar

Re: info that Lt Col "Oscar Diaz, Chief Pers of MILCOM conspired to slow up recruiting - discredit recruiting team.

Found Diaz manipulating records & was sabotaging behind MILCOM and PBPRIMERS back.

WAVE comment:

Evidence turned up confirmed intrigue by Diaz.

- Doc xfer & x ref 05 Oct 62

Re: Anti-Castro Activities.

Info:

PDL spoke at meeting held at Bayfront Park 9/29/62 - told Cubans idea of recruiting Cubans "dreamed up" by U.S. to keep fooling the Cubans. Claimed Cubans had been tricked because they did not understand what was going on.

- Trace request 30 Apr. 62

After discussion betw. a rep. of this Agency & the Dept of Army on 28 May 62, the Dept of Army has agreed, in view of info contained in our Agency files, to drop interest in Subj.

- Biography PDL.

Revol. activities begun in 52 when he started running rifles into Cuba for Prio. '53 exiled in Miami until 55, and started ferrying arms to Castro. 58 apptd chief of 26 July AF, held until defection to 59. Leaflet drop Oct 59.

Not known to belong in any polit. party. Formed own movement - CCC but was unsuccessful in obtaining support; considered by FRD

& other moderately liberal groups as including some ex-Batista army officers. Repts in April 1960 Diaz had committed CCC & self to group headed by Marquez Sterling. However, subsequently CCC merged w/ Alianza de Liberacion - amalgamation of several younger groups of Cuban exiles. Although considered somewhat of a "hothead", does have considerable stature as former Chief of AF and recently he & some of his followers accepted into FRD -

Currently - Member FRD.

Endorsed by - Mr. Braden, Mr. Colligan of Freeport Sulphur.

- Memo for: WH /4/ Finance 5 Jan. 62
Re: Overdue Accts.

Pedro Diaz Lanz - \$400 passed on 19 Jan 61 as expense money for a prop tour taken w/ Luis Conte Agüero & others. Plan called for use of Diaz Lanz's plane piloted by him. Plan changed found too difficult to get necessary permits for plane - Finally Conte went alone when PDL balked at being Conte's shadow. Meantime, Diaz Lanz dabbling in politics, appeared before Senate Committee and succeeded in making himself useless as a

Conf exp.

49633

Wolfe (501) 278-4000 ea. 657

Bloomfield 697-8950

Alger 697-8950

etc 704 377 200

537 0861

check in subject of -

propaganda asset.

signed - Stannard Short

- Cable to JMWAVE from Div 6 July 61.
request JMWAVE review requirements for use
Pedro Diaz Lanz in boat ops. Feeling here
he indiscreet and would compromise
mission. DOA not initiated.
- Aldo Vera note - iden w/ Mjr Aldo Serafin Vera.
former underground leader against Batista.
Held following positions w/ Castro gov.
 - Head of Dept of Invest. of Cuban Rev. Police
 - Cuban Army G-3 section
 - Chief of G-5 of Cuban Army
 - 29 Apr 60 reptd as one of officers in
charge of caching arms in various
interviewed houses in Havana.
 - 2 Jun 60 reptd replaced as Insp.
General of Cuban Revolv. Army;
not named to another post.
 - 21 Sep 60 reptdly trying to est. contact
w/ oppos. grps, but in reality a
govt agent
- Dispatch - TO Chief WHD PR - Chief of Base,
JMWAVE
Re: "17th of April" Movement
Organization to be presided over by

"military junta" - not one leader only, w/ both members of Rebel army and Batista Army

Diaz Lanz does not hold a steady position because he considers himself a "leader" rather than a "soldier"

Believe info on secret meeting of group leaked to Cuban govt by Aldo Vera.

- Intell. Rept 14 Jul 61 Re: Cuban counter-revol. Base

Rept - 250 free Cuban troops & 7 aircraft based on Isla de Mujeres off shore of Quintana Roo Province, Mexico. Plan military exped. - included:

PDL

Felipe Vidal

Tendente (FNU) Chinea

- Dispatch 31 May 61 TO Chief WHD from Chief of Base JMWAVE

re: ~~Fuerzas~~ Aereas de Liberacion (FAL)

All pilots & members of Air Force who were in camps had a meeting during which AMCLATRE & spoke & said they had to hold an election to appoint chief of AF & later to present it to AMBUD-1.

Arguments ensued. Capt Perez did

not agree w/ this type election. Left meeting w/ grp of men.

Villafana, Tener also spoke. More than half persons left

AMCLATTER-5 elected as Chief

[First election had given votes to Diaz Lanz, AMCLATTER-5 and others. PDL reptdly tried to take over. Caused resistance. GP felt they shouldn't have allowed ~~PDL~~ pilots to vote in 1st place - Called for 2nd election. Held May 24]

FAL members loyal to AMBOD-1

- Cable 23 May 61 to BELL from: JMTIDE
Info - author met numerous Cubans in Miami - apparently pilots. Expressed interest in returning w/ author to ~~over~~ TIDE to "stay proficient in flying". PDL apparently creating disturbance "by trying to take over." Good stable group of men.
"The hard core will remain together as the same unit and will be and are ready if needed."

Zuniga, Garcia,
Littera, Edo,
Cerron, Alberto.

- Dispatch 18 May 61 to Chief WHD from Chief of Base JMWAVE

Meeting of Cubans in Bayfront Park, Miami.
Author: Stanley R. Zamka

- 8 May 61 - Meeting in Bayfront Park
organized by PDL et al.
to attack North Americans ^{involved w/ "Cuban affair"}, Manuel
Artime

- Cable 1 May 61
TO Bell from JMWAVE -

7 individuals of Diaz Lanz grp being paid
total of \$1500 mo. by AMIRON

Grp not active & some have not picked
up April paychecks.

Request authority drop group from
AMIRON rolls effective 1 May 61
at discretion WAVE

- Memo for AMDIP/A 28 April 61
Re conversation w/ Mr Joseph
Newman, NY Herald Tribune
Rept'd 27 April 61
Author: Howard Hunt

Discussed JMWAVE Matters -

" To separate fact from fiction on an off the record basis"
Discussed several areas:

Ricardo Lorie - PDL -

These men alleged CIA had given insufficient support to Lorie's boat ops, ^{& demanded details of ops} but each time CIA chosen course was followed. Their boat was interfered with by Castro gunboats.

Hunt explained reasons for CIA procedures - ^{avoid} ~~eliminate~~ duplication & compromise of effort; avoid hostile monitoring of communications; Coast Guard interference; provide rescue in emergencies.

Artime.

Lorie & Diaz denounced Artime as Castro penetration agent. - Bolstered by Newman's recollection that Juan ORTA was believed to have said Castro once claimed an agent high in counter-revol. circles.

Hunt explained Lorie lost out in MRR power struggle; PDL felt personal resentment, political vindictiveness. Artime's father was a communist, but ^{suggested} Artime's more

formative years spent w/ Scouts.

Aureliana Sanchez Arango -

re: attacks of GRG by Sanchez and
Jose Figueres -

Atino Diaz

re: story that CIA had not kept its
agreements w/ Diaz, making it
imposs. for Diaz to land his
force in Cuba.

Hunt. "I explained what really
happened.

Eloy Gutierrez Menoyo -

re: allegations that ^{Gutierrez} Menoyo & grp were
detained at McAllen, TX to appease
Barrista & Trujillo Partisans.

Hunt explained above ~~to~~ TX decided
on by INS bc insure safety
of Gutierrez; assess grp's conflicting
tells. Grp arrived too late for
inclusion in military program.

Revolutionary Council complaints!

re: gen. theme that U.S. had not
lived up to its commitments to
provide air cover for landings
despite pre-invasion promise by Pres.
Kennedy to provide this umbrella.
Hunt explained RC looking for
scapegoat. Said Pres. had made

no such positive commitment to RC before the invasion ... Pres. dispatched Messrs Bene & Schlesinger to MITO in NY prior to invasion to say Pres. had said quite the contrary. Said. personal interviews betw. Pres & RC had taken place on 19 & 20 April, in fact.

As to lack lack of protective air cover, HH cited failure of RC's B-26s to eliminate Castro air forces during 15 Apr. Strike. HH "mute" as to fault for lack of second mop-up strike. Said bases in Guatemala becoming untenable - open for oppos. congress. inspection by 18 Apr. - Newman - declared - realization that it wasn't sabotage by Communist agents - "we sabotaged ourselves!" -

Newman expressed interest in HH identity. Conceded he had never heard "Eduardo".

- Dispatch 25 March 61 - TO Chief WH Div from
Chief of base - Havana.

Re: Anti-FRD activities of Carlos PRIO
Socarras-

Prio held meeting 7 Mar 61 at Everglades
Hotel, Miami, Fla. Made anti-FRD
statements to press.

Men who had been planning action w/
PDL, left him, joined Prio, since PDL
lacked resources.

- Dispatch 3 Mar 61 to Chief of Base, JMWAVE,
fr. Chief, WHD

Marcos D.L., anticipating arrest for anti-Com.
activities, made advance preparations to
have one of his ^{"reps"} ~~representatives~~ contact ODIBEX
of Lt. Douglas ~~Atter~~ Lethbridge Aguilera,
FAR officer, ~~of~~ one of these reps.

Marcos

Marcos stated that Lethbridge trying to
get names of Russian NKVD agents in Cuba
& when he has penetrated Com. orgs. in Cuba
he will disclose their plans to ~~see~~ me."

- Doc X fer & cross-ref - 28 Jul. 63

involved in poss. aircraft bomb and
leaflet raid on Habana Cuba to take
place on 28 July 63.

- Memo of meeting held at home of
Juan Carlos [Nemesto Rodriguez]
2-26-61

PDL, Juan Carlos, Com. Gonzalez met,
decided Diaz Lanz start out for
Cuba. Believe PDL good name will
help get Amer. assistance.

PDL expressed bitterness toward
FRD and Artime.

- Cable - 17 Feb 61
to BEL fr WAVE

Neither PDL nor AMNORM-1 recollect -
knowing Enrique Molina Rivera AKA
Arturo Morales Y Rodriguez

- Cable 10 Feb 61
TO JMWAVE fr: BELL

PDL passed \$460 advance by HQS during
trip ZR METAL. WAVE should obtain
accounting.

- Cable 3 Feb 61

TO: JMWAVE

FR: BELL

AMCORE 2 & QDBIAS returning Miami
4 Feb. As result inability obtain visas

w/permission for plane, tour to be made w/one or both via commercial flights. Tim plans contingent alleged AMIDIP-1 offer to QDBIAS make him replacement for LITANT-1 in AMIRON ORG. AMCORE 2 reports tentatively offered post as prime minister prov. for. by AMIDIP 1, but would make tour regardless.

Subjs will call Choaden for contact instructions WAVE Co when assistance needed.

- Routing & Record Sheet - 1 Feb 61.

Notes: Re: PDL.

"Diaz Lanz would cause increased morale problems at MADD.

Possibly could use unilaterally "
"No interest to PMODs".

- Memo 1 Feb 61 for WH/4/PM/AM

Re: PDL.

Met w/ Michael M. Maney (WH/4/PROP)
to ask if he could be pilot in FRD Air Force.

Author recommends PDL would aid greatly in creating esprit de corps and discipline.

- Dispatch 20 Jan 61

TO Chief WHD from Chief of Base JMWAVE
Re: Frank Fiorini - comments re: alleged
plans of KUBARK.

On 4 Jan 61 Mr. Joseph A. Fortier,
Supervising Customs Agent in Miami, sent
Attachment A to local Chief of KUTUMP,
who in turn sent it to JMWAVE.

Inasmuch as the content of Attach.
A appears to implicate PDL in an
unfavorable manner, CRABANAC
investigated the case & submitted a
memo dated 9 Jan 61, Attach B.
Chief of Base agrees w/ conclusion
in Para 7 of Attach B.

- 'Attachment A -

^{Edward D. Fickie, Customs Agent}
Writer and Cust. Agent Steve Pinos
interviewed Sturges on Dec 30, 1960 at
his residence 2080 SW 60th Court,
Miami, Fla.

Alan McDonald, close assoc of
Sturges, also present. Fiorini said B-26
seized by Customs, used for leaflet drop
on Havana, ^{was} returned to him after
payment of charges - \$2,800.00. Money
was furnished by KUBARK & ~~that~~

he had turned over the airplane for use by PDL. PDL was at aircraft almost every day - preparing plan for "good will tour" of Central Amer. countries, to be sanctioned by KUBARK.

Writer told Fiorini he was prob. being duped - ~~being~~ often talk that U.S. supporting group - always w/out foundation.

On questioning Fiorini said he spoke to KUBARK agent ^{kg} The name of "Barker" of 4420 N.W. 5th St.

Office contacted PDL for cooperation. PDL was advised. Fiorini was interviewed earlier that day - PDL expressed concern that Fiorini might get involved in way that would impair plans of anti-Castro groups.

Office making report because "loose talk" by Fiorini might have adverse effects. FBI had earlier interviewed Fiorini, presumably re: "similar 'loose talk'"

- Attachment B - 9 Jan 61.

- Alleged \$2,800 payment & presumed to be part of money given to PDL by Saralegui as personal loan

2. PDL, preparing his aircraft for the vuelo de verdad and instructions given by him to aircraft technicians including poss. use of nat'l flags on nose of aircraft would confirm Diaz intends to visit # of countries.

3. Barker says he met Fiorini on only one occasion w/ a group of people & has never seen him before or since. Alleged address of Barker provided by Fiorini not correct.

4. Fiorini has lost confidence of PDL & has been treating w/ such people as Rasco in an attempt to involve himself in anti-Castro activity. Note PDL expressed concern Fiorini "might get involved...."

5. PDL alleges he & his people hounded by federal agents whose interest in plano has been piqued by plane overhauling activities & that these federal officials asked leading & provocative questions.

6. entire Exec. Comte. of FRD, as well as

propaganda commission, fully acquainted w/ preparatory plans for flight and it is, therefore, not strange plans have become known outside that immed. grp.

7. However, a review of Customs rept, together w/ above, would indicate that "the essential element of plausible denial still remains."

- ~~Rebut~~ Cable 10 Jan 61 To Bell from WAVE
Following Chron. applies to preparatory actions for PDL trip -
select flight trip party; obtain visas; landing permits; establish flight route; lift govt agency restrictions on PDL and aircraft. FRD send letter of instruction to FRD delegations in host countries outlining advance preparations necessary - special equipment for plane - PDL suggest tape recordings be made at local stops for mailing back and use on Swan. Expect concrete team during wk of 9 Jan. PDL will handcarry passports and flight documents to Washington, obtain visas & landing permits & submit results to

Choaten who to finalize flight route.

Have told QDBIAS aim a 15 Jan takeoff
tho realize this prob. optimistic.